

HB 42 -- PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

SPONSOR: Rowland

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 12 to 11.

This bill prohibits the State of Missouri and all political subdivisions from adopting or implementing policy recommendations that infringe or restrict private property rights without due process as may be required by policy recommendations originating in or traceable to Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations, or any other international law or ancillary plan of action that conflicts with the Constitution of the United States or the Missouri Constitution. Agenda 21 is a non-binding action plan regarding sustainable development adopted by the United Nations in 1992 at its Conference on Environment and Development.

The State of Missouri and all political subdivisions are also prohibited from entering into any agreement with, expending any sum of money for, receiving funds from, contracting services from, or giving financial aid to nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations as defined in Agenda 21.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that many of the policies promoted by political subdivisions and regional planning can be traced back to Agenda 21 and aim to bring international standards to local decisions. These policies are not ordinances or laws for which the public has the opportunity to vote. This bill would make the general public more aware of Agenda 21 and the programs associated with the United Nations' agenda.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rowland; Ray Cunio; Doreene Hannes, Ozark Property Rights; Barbara Smith; Ike Skelton; Nancy Osborne; Beth McElvain; Erin Talcott; Stacy Shore; and Jane Boyce.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.